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For : DEVICE FOR CONNECTING BUILDING BOARDS,ESPECIALLY FLOOR PANELS

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**Title**

Device for connecting building boards, especially floor panels

**Preliminary Class**

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